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SUBJ: PARTIAL IV GRANT

1) EMBASSY PROPOSES TEN-DAY PER DIEM GRANT FOR MR. E. ADERINOKUN, MANAGING EDITOR, DAILY EXPRESS TO COVER PERIOD OF TRAVEL NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON BEGINNING AUGUST 22. NOMINEE PAYING OWN WAY TO U.S. AND U.K.

2) BIODATA AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW:

NAME : MR. EDDWARD ADERINOKUN

TITLE : MANAGING EDITOR, DAILY EXPRESS, LAGOS

DATE OF BIRTH : [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 4 September 2013]; PLACE OF BIRTH: ABEOKUTA
PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN (NONE PREVIOUS) MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED.

SEX : MALE CHILDREN - 3 BOYS

APPROXIMATELY 7, 5, 2

ADDRESS: 5-11 APONGBON STREET, LAGOS

EMERGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS: MRS. EDWARD ADERINOKUN

5-11 APONGBON STREET

LAGOS

EDUCATION: DIPLOMA IN JOURNALISM

HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS: MEMBER, NIGERIAN UNION OF JOURNALISTS,

NIGERIAN GUILD OF EDITORS

PREVIOUS TRAVEL ABOARD:

TO US: ACCOMPANIED HEAD OF STATE ON VISIT TO UN 1973

TO OTHER COUNTRIES: BRITAIN, 1965 AND 1973; TOUR TO SOVIET

UNION, FRANCE, ITALY, BULGARIA, POLAND IN 1973

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KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: GOOD

3. SIGNIFICANT POSITION (S) AND ACCOMPLISHMENT (S):

PRESENT: MR. ADERINOKUN RECENTLY PROMOTED FROM EDITOR TO
MANAGING EDITOR EXPRESS, A CIRCULATION APPROXIMATELY 70,000.
PAST: SPORT REPORTER; WORKED ON SEVERAL PAPERS.

4. VISITOR'S SUGGESTIONS:

A. PROSESSIONALINTERESTS:

OBSERVE MECHANICAL AND MANAGERIAL SIDE OF AMERICAN NEWS
PUBLICATIONS. WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AT LEAST ONE LARGE NEWSPAPER
PLUS TIME AND OR NEWSWEEK OFFICES IN NEW YOFK CITY. IN
WASHINGTON, WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WASHINGTON POST, WITH SPECIAL
ATTENTION TO COMPUTERIZED TYPESETTING.
IF POSSIBLE, VISIT REGIONAL OFFICE WALL STREET JOURNAL TO OBSERVE
PRINTING METHODS AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.
AS FORMER SPORTS EDITOR OBSERVE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCCER IN
UNITED STATES. WOULD LIKE TO SEE--IF POSSIBLE AT THIS
TIME OF YEAR--ANY SCHOOL PROGRAM TECHING SOCCER IN
WASHINGTON AREA, AND TO OBSERVE WASHINGTON DIPLOMAT
TEAM AT PRACTICE.
ADERINOKUN WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND WHITE HOUSE OR STATE
DEPARTMENT BRIEFING.

B. BUSINESS INTERESTS: REORGANIZING AND MODERNIZING PRINTING
EQUIPMENT IN HIS PLANT. INTERESTED IN COMPUTERIZED TYPESETTING
MACHINES AND OTHER NEW PRINTING EQUIPMENT.

C. AVOCATIONAL INTERESTS AND HOBBIES: SPORTS.

5. REASONS/JUSTIFICATION: MR. ADERINOKUN HAS MOVED UP THROUGH RANKS
TO PRESENT POSITION WITH EXPRESS. IS FIRMLY RECONIZED IN
NEWSPAPER WORLD AND IS USUALLY INVITED TO PRESENT PAPER ON
STATE AND OFFICIAL TRIPS OF HEAD OF STATE. EMBASSY BELIEVES
WE CAN GAIN BY CAPITALIZING ON HIS PLANNED TRIP TO ENABLE HIM
TO CONSOLIDATE HIS IDEAS ABOUT U.S. PRESS AND HOW HE CAN
BENEFIT FROM IT. THROUGH PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS HE WILL COME
TO KNOW AMERICAN PEOPLE BETTER AND BE BETTER PREPARED EVALUATE
EVENTS IN CONTRY.

6. IN VIEW SHORT TIME REMINING BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR BRITAIN (AUGUST 19)
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